

July 7, 2015

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the DCPS early childhood program! We're excited that you have chosen DCPS. We look forward to working with you and your child to **Start Early** and **Start Strong**!

We hope you and your family are enjoying a wonderful summer, but the 2015-2016 school year will be here before you know it. That's why our team is already working hard to ensure that all of our teachers and classrooms are ready to welcome you and your child. Read on for some important information that will help you prepare for the start of the school year.

Health Forms

We know summer calendars fill up quickly – so it's important to schedule your child's health and wellness and dental check-ups *now* to make sure they are ready for the start of the school year.

You will need to submit the following to your child's school (both are included in the DCPS enrollment packet):

- The Universal Health Certificate (Remember this form has two pages.)
- Oral Health Assessment

Please remember that these forms *must*:

- Have an exam date that is within 365 days of August 24, 2015
- Be completed and signed by the child's health or dental provider
- Be signed by the parent/guardian

Transition Week (August 24-28)

We know that the start of school is an important time in your child's life. To support this transition, Pre-Kindergarten 3 (PK3) and Pre-Kindergarten 4 (PK4) students follow a special schedule during the first week of school with **NO SCHOOL on Monday, August 24, Tuesday, August 25, and Wednesday, August 26** of the first week. These first three days are intended for teachers to conduct family visits. See the chart below for a detailed Early Childhood Transition Week calendar.

Please note: Children with IEPs who receive bus transportation will follow the schedule below as well. For questions about transportation for special education students, families should call (202) 576-5000.

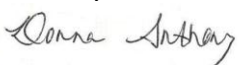
Early Childhood Transition/First Week Schedule for School Year 2015—2016				
August 24, 2015	August 25, 2015	August 26, 2015	August 27, 2015	August 28, 2015
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Family Visits No school for PK3 or PK4 students (including special education students).	Family Visits No school for PK3 or PK4 students (including special education students).	Family Visits No school for PK3 or PK4 students (including special education students).	Children with last names A-K attend school for a full day. Children with last names L-Z stay home.	Children with last names L-Z attend school for a full day. Children with last names A-K stay home.
*All PK3 and PK4 students will attend school together starting Monday, August 31, 2015.				

Family Visits

Family visits are opportunities for teachers and staff to visit their students at home or in the community and are a key part of Transition Week. These visits help build a strong foundation for positive communication and support between families, teachers, and schools. Your child's teacher will contact you directly to schedule time to meet in your home or community.

If you have questions about Early Childhood Transition please contact your child's school directly, or email the DCPS Early Childhood Division at dcps.earlychildhood@dc.gov.

Sincerely,



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